

Diplomat Whose Wife Held By Russia Dies Saturday

OTTAWA, (CP)—Eight years ago, the Russians lowered the Iron Curtain between George F. Power and his wife, the former star ballerina of Moscow's Bolshoi Theatre. In the two years that followed, Power became an international figure as Canada sought again and again to extricate Mrs. Power, the former Eleanora Kuznetsova, from Russian hands. The Soviets gave no reason but steadfastly refused her an exit visa. She divorced him in 1947 and obtained a divorce from Parliament three years later. Saturday morning after eight years during which his predicament set him apart from others, George Power died. His brother, William, said that for several days before his death from a brain hemorrhage George talked in his delirium of Eleanora.

The Russian refusal was raised in the Commons in 1947 when Prime Minister St. Laurent, then external affairs minister, said the Canadian government considered it "an incomprehensible action on the part of a friendly state." After leaving Russia in 1945, Power went to The Philippines to help in the repatriation of Canadians taken prisoner at Hong Kong. In 1946, he became vice consul in Detroit and held similar posts at Bonn and Frankfurt until last year when he returned here to the establishments and organizations division of external affairs. A sister, Mrs. P. M. Knox, lives at Moncton, N. B. Funeral services will be held at Saint John next week.

TALKED OF WIFE

"He took his troubles very hard," William said. "It was very much on his mind before his sudden illness but he wasn't the kind to talk about it. But all the last week he talked of her." Power was taken ill New Year's weekend and entered hospital Jan. 3. Until then he appeared to be in good health although he had suffered a slight heart attack while vice consul in Detroit in 1949. An operation last Friday after the brain hemorrhage was unsuccessful.

William said his brother, a Roman Catholic, never thought of marrying again. "He lived up to his religion," he said.

BORN IN SAINT JOHN

Power was born in Saint John, N. B., in 1910. The body, accompanied by his brother, left for Saint John by train Sunday. After working in his hometown and Montreal, Power joined the navy in 1943 but soon was discharged to join the external affairs staff. He went to Moscow as secretary to the Canadian minister. He met Eleanora Kuznetsova and they were married in a civil ceremony Feb. 4, 1945 followed by a Roman Catholic ceremony a few days later.

The marriage automatically made her a British subject and Canadian citizenship laws passed in 1947 before she divorced him made her a Canadian citizen. She applied for an exit visa soon after the marriage. Power left Russia in July, five months later, but his wife's exit visa still had not been granted. There followed a series of protests and enquiries by the Canadian government to the Soviet government.

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Yanks Back From Siberian Wilds

BERLIN (AP)—Two Americans returned to the West from the wilds of a Siberian forced labor camp Saturday night and one declared fervently: "I have a lot to tell." Soviet authorities finally acceded to repeated U. S. demands for the release of John H. Noble, 31, of Detroit, and Pte. William Marchuk, 38, of Norristown, Pa. The two men were handed over to American authorities at the Soviet command headquarters in East Berlin.

POSSIBLE COURT MARTIAL

The state department took civilian Noble in tow, the army took Marchuk into custody and the soldier still was in trouble despite his liberation from Soviet captivity. He faces a possible court martial as a deserter.

It was Noble who told American authorities "I have a lot to tell." He indicated he would be glad to tell his story to reporters later. Noble had been in Russian hands since 1945; Marchuk since he apparently crossed the frontier in Berlin in February, 1949. They were in the notorious Siberian workhouse labor camp. Noble and Marchuk were reported by U. S. Army and state department officials as being in "apparently very good shape" despite their long ordeal.

MILITARY CUSTODY

Marchuk was taken into military custody. He was not in precise custody but both men will be given physical tests and also will be interrogated by intelligence officers.

Noble, an American citizen of German descent, was brought to Dresden by his father in 1938, along with his mother, and a sister. The senior Noble opened a camera factory, then was caught

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by the war. In 1945, the invading Russians arrested the whole family, but held only the father and John. The father was released in Berlin in 1952 and returned to Detroit. Marchuk's explanation of his disappearance into the east was not divulged by army interrogators. His status—whether as deserter or as an unwitting victim of the tricky frontier situation in Berlin—will depend on what kind of story he has to tell and how well he can substantiate it.

Hammarskjold Goes Sightseeing

HONG KONG (Reuters)—Dag Hammarskjold went sightseeing near Peiping Sunday, but pressing on his mind was his fourth—and probably last—formal meeting with Chinese Communist Premier Chou En-lai today on the case of the 11 imprisoned United States airmen.

Although the United Nations secretary-general and Chou already have held 12 hours and 15 minutes of conversations, the outside world still has few clues as to whether Chou has given any ground on requests for release of the 11 American airmen jailed in China as "spies."

The outward signs are not good: The Peiping regime has continued to keep the Chinese people in the dark as to the real nature of the UN envoy's visit to Peiping.

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George Burt, Canadian director of the UAW, who returned to his job Thursday after a long illness, told the meeting the Ford strikers need the full support of all UAW members.

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COLOR TELEVISION IN RUSSIA

LONDON (AP)—Color television has made its debut in Russia, Moscow radio said Sunday. The first color transmission was made at the end of 1954, the broadcast reported. It called the results "good."

Priest Shot; 3 Hitchhikers Held

BRANDON, Man., (CP)—Rev. Father Alfred Quirion of St. Edouard, Alberta was found shot to death Sunday in a car five miles east of Brandon. RCMP at Brandon said they are holding three hitchhikers in connection with the death of the priest. Names of the trio were not released. Further details were not immediately available.

Advocates Of Freer Trade Rap Eisenhower Program

By CHARLES F. BARRETT
WASHINGTON (AP)—Some advocates of freer world trade Sunday criticized President Eisenhower's foreign economic program as inadequate, but its Democratic sponsor in Congress predicted it will be adopted without substantial changes. Eisenhower will send Congress a special message today detailing his proposals for a three-year extension of the Reciprocal Trade Act, with power to cut tariffs an additional 15 per cent.

200 Stranded In Newfoundland

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., (CP)—A curtain of fog settled over St. John's Sunday for the fifth straight day, keeping about 200 waiting airline passengers grounded. Many of those stranded left earlier by train with hopes of catching a plane at Stephenville or Gander. But Trans-Canada Air Lines officials said there are still about 200 on the Torbay waiting list. Weather forecasters predicted continued fog and drizzle.

Must Find Money For Pay Boosts

By ADRIAN BALL
LONDON (Reuters)—The decision by 400,000 British rail workers to call off their strike has left the government with a legacy of money problems which could affect every nationalized industry. The chiefs of the state-owned British transport Commission, operators of British railroads, will pay higher wages starting Monday without knowing where they are to find the money for the raises. Talks will continue during the week on the new wage deal for rail workers, promised by the commission on condition the strike threat was lifted.

Already leaders of the National Union of Railwaymen have won a first instalment on their latest pay demand—increases of between five and eight shillings a week affecting about 60,000 of the lowest-paid workers. TO COST £1,000,000 These rises will cost the com-

U. K. Still Faces Railway Problem

mission about £1,000,000 a year. This week the union will discuss the promised wage increases for the remaining 350,000 workers represented by the NUR. Britain's two other rail unions which were not involved in the strike threat—the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen and the Transport and General Staffs Association—repay higher wages starting Monday without knowing where they are to find the money for the raises. In addition, the commission has been served with a demand from the engineering unions for pay increases for workers in railway workshops. If the commission is forced to grant substantial increases to all these workers, the total rise in its wage bill might be as much as £15,000,000 a year, and the commission is already heavily in the red.

CHALLENGE TO GOVERNMENT

By the time the House of Commons reassembles on Jan. 25, the government will have in its hands the final report of a three-man, fact-finding court of inquiry which investigated the railway wage dispute. An interim report of the court said that since the nation had nationalized the railways, it had to be prepared to meet the cost of paying "fair and adequate" wages to the rail workers. This represented a challenge to the government as it had an indirect bearing on the financial policies of other nationalized industries, including coal, gas, electricity and civil aviation. The government undoubtedly will insist that it regards the court's report as applying strictly to the railways, and not to other nationalized industries, but the unions may not accept this readily.

Dakota Completes Mercy Flight Despite Arctic Fog
GOOSE BAY, Labrador (CP)—A ski-equipped RCAF Dakota aircraft worked its way through fog-shrouded Arctic peaks Friday to pick up a critically-ill Eskimo.

Coming Events

- **Bingo and Cards, Vernon River Hall, Tuesday, January 11th.
- **Dance in Fortune Tuesday night, in aid of hockey team.
- **Card party Dunstaffnage school tonight.
- **Strathalbyn district Lodge meets in Bradabano, Tuesday, Jan. 11 at 7:30 p.m.
- **Hammering Grain Wednesday and Saturday only, weather permitting, at Stewart Vessey's, York.
- **New Wiltshire District L. O. L. will meet at Tanton, January 12th, 2:30 p. m.
- **Dundas Y.P.U. variety concert Annandale Hall January 11th at 8:30. If not fine, following night.
- **Come to Marshfield Variety Concert in Stanhope—Covehead Community Hall on Monday, January 10th, at 8:15 p. m. If not fine, Tuesday. Sale of lunches. Sponsored by Young Adult Group.

Woman and bring her to Goose Bay, the RCAF said Sunday. The woman, known only as Martha, now in base hospital here. She will be flown probably early today, to Montreal or Quebec for medical treatment. Nature of her illness was not disclosed. The RCAF said the Dakota, attached to the Goose Bay Search and rescue unit, flew early Friday to the settlement of Pangnirtung on Baffin Island, 900 miles north of here, after being informed by amateur radio of the woman's condition. With only a few hours of daylight and battling a heavy overcast, the Dakota was forced to drop to an altitude of 300 feet to put down between 7,000-foot mountains in a narrow fjord leading off Cumberland sound. Severe icing hampered the returned journey and the plane had to land at Probiar base, completing the trip here early Saturday. Crew of the rescue ship was captain, FO, Ralph Emery of Summerside, P.E.I.; pilot, Flt. Lt. Ian MacKenzie, Calgary; navigator, WO, M. A. (Dusty) Rhodes, New Westminster, B.C.; crewmen, FO, Sirie Perron, Montreal, Cpl. J. L. MacDonald, Glace Bay, N.S., and Cpl. Earl Tooke, Edmonton.



Throne Speech Read In Senate Chamber
Scene in the Senate Chamber at the opening of the (Governor General Massey is seated on the dais reading the second session of Canada's 22nd Parliament on Friday. Speech from the Throne.—(CP Photo).

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	Min.	Max.
Dawson	32b	4b
Vancouver	29	40
Victoria	38	43
Edmonton	0	11
Calgary	2	19
Regina	6	11
Winnipeg	6	11
Toronto	30	35
Ottawa	6b	16
Montreal	—	21
Quebec	4	18
Fredericton	19	24
St. John	20	25
Moncton	28	32
Halifax	32	35
Charlottetown	32	35
Sydney	37	39
Yarmouth	27	31
St. Johns	24	36

N. B. Potato Specialist To Probe Shipment

OTTAWA, (CP)—A New Brunswick potato specialist flies from Montreal today to investigate a shipment of Canadian seed potatoes, part of which has been declared unfit for planting in Kingston, Jamaica.

W. N. Keenan, chief of the agriculture department's plant protection division, said in an interview Sunday night that Edward Robison, assistant in charge of seed potato certification at the division's station in Fredericton, is going to Kingston "to be sure no mistake is made."

Mr. Keenan said his division heard of the questioned potatoes last Friday. Mr. Robison, he said, will get in touch with Canadian trade commissioner M. B. Palmer in Kingston before carrying out the investigation. The 5,000-crate order of potatoes, which arrived in Kingston last Wednesday from Canada, has stayed on the wharf because inspection officials there ruled 2,000 of the crates were "bad."

Mr. Keenan said Govier and Company of Canada had the "sales contract" for the questioned shipment, but he preferred not to say what part of Canada the potatoes came from until Mr. Robison's investigation is completed.